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In Kemper Art Museum
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Eric,

First of all let me say how wonderful it was to see you again. Your Museum must be like a dream come true. You get to display some of your favorite pieces for all to see. You did an outstanding job and I'm sure it was not easy to do.

I have enclosed a copy of a Hartford Bank note that you illustrate in your book with a counterfeit. This note is the same design type as in your book. It is difficult to tell exactly what makes your note a counterfeit but it appears that the printing quality of my note may have more of the finer details around some of the design elements.

I hope this copy helps you.

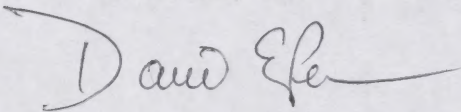
I have also enclosed a Table from Massachusetts from 1784 showing what they accepted foreign silver and gold coins at. Some, but not all, of the accepted weights are different than that of other states. I purchased this Table at this past EAC show in your hometown. It showed up originally though on Cape Cod in my home state.

I will have some fun trying to both collect and understand the coins on this and other similar Tables. These early merchants really had to have a good understanding of exchange rates and various qualities of many different species.

I hope you stay well and have fun in your Museum. It certainly looks to be a fun place to hangout.

Thanks again for sharing your stories, memories and coins with me and others.

Your friend,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David E. Pepe". The signature is fluid and includes a long, sweeping horizontal line at the end.

David E. Pepe



The President Directors & Company
of Hartford Bank promise to pay *Mrs Richards*
or bearer on demand **Three Dollars**
N^o 32 Hartford July 1807

N. Knorr Cash^r *Wm Caldwell* Pres^t

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David:

Thank you about your kind words
about your visit to our Money Museum.
It was a pleasure to have so many enthusiastic
numismatists.

As to your 1784 Massachusetts broadside
it is a very important item to me because it shows
specifically the circulating value of English copper
coinage (genuine and counterfeit) at that time. Since there
were few farthings in circulation it meant that 96
coppers were worth a Spanish dollar then in Massachusetts
or New England Money of Account. That is a rare broadside
as I never have seen another except the one in our collection.

As to the \$3 Hartford note it is in our opinion a
counterfeit as it is not up to the quality of an early 19th
century bank note engraving. One is never sure until a
genuine one is available.

Contact me any time we might be helpful
to one another and keep your devotion to the wonders
of numismatics.

My best

Eric

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